American Government: Stories of a Nation for the AP® Course Guided Reading

Section 3.1: Conflict over Medical Marijuana

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Learning Target: Explain the tens	ion in American federalism between sta	ite and federal laws.
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After you read

Once you've finished reading the section, answer the following questions.

- 1. Federalism can be defined as:
 - A. a system of government that divides power between the state and national governments.
 - B. a system of government in which the states hold most of the power.
 - C. a system of government in which the national government holds most of the power.
 - D. a system of government in which one central authority holds all power.
- 2. The Controlled Substances Act is an example of Congress exercising which constitutional power?
 - A. Their authority to prohibit illicit substances.
 - B. Their authority to overrule a president's veto.
 - C. Their authority to levy taxes.
 - D. Their authority to regulate interstate commerce.
- 3. Which statement BEST summarizes how the national government and state government conflicted in the case of Angel Raich and Diane Monson?
 - A. The use of marijuana for medical treatment was illegal under state law but legal under federal law.
 - B. The national government did not think state law should be in conflict with federal law.
 - C. The use of marijuana for medical treatment was legal under state law but illegal under federal law.
 - D. The state government did not think the federal government had a right to restrict the rights of citizens.
- 4. Why did the appeals court rule in favor of Raich and Monson?
 - A. The appeals court felt that Raich and Monson had no other choice of treatment.
 - B. The appeals court believed that DEA raids restricted rights given to them by the state.
 - C. The appeals court upheld precedent that state laws overrule federal laws.
 - D. The appeals court knew that this would be an important decision in the case of medical marijuana.
- 5. Which statement BEST summarizes the effect Raich and Monson's legal challenge had on the question of authority under the American federal system?
 - A. It paved the way for the legalization of Schedule I drugs such as marijuana.
 - B. It set precedent for others to use marijuana for approved medical purposes.
 - C. It raised questions about the boundaries between the powers of the federal and state governments.
 - D. It set precedent that federal laws should overrule state laws.